

Remarks

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested, particularly as herein amended.

The Office Action of December 10, 2004, objects to claims 9 to 12 because the term "first projections", which is recited in dependent claim 9, is said to lack antecedent basis. This objection is respectfully traversed because the term "first projections" is for the first time recited in dependent claim 9. Consequently, antecedent basis in the claims for the recited term is not required. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claims 9 to 12 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a U.S. patent to Bobb et al. (US 4,332,431), and claims 1 to 7, 15 to 25 and 33 to 44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by a U.S. patent to Jayne et al. (US 4,060,300). Claim 45 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jayne et al. It has further been indicated that claims 8 to 14 and 26 to 32 would be allowable if suitably rewritten.

In reply, the subject matter of dependent claim 8 (and intervening dependent claims 2, 4 and 6) has been incorporated into independent claim 1, the subject matter of dependent claim 26 (and the intervening dependent claims 22 and 24) has been

incorporated into independent claim 19, and the subject matter of dependent claims 8 and 26 has been incorporated into independent claim 37. The dependencies of the remaining claims have been correspondingly amended, and clerical corrections have been made to dependent claims 16, 34 and 41. New claims 46 to 48 have been added to recite engagement between the rear edge of the circuit card and one of the opposing ends of the body, for locating the card edge in the slot as is described in the specification on page 18, at lines 23 to 26, structure which is not disclosed by either the patent to Bobb et al. or the patent to Jayne et al.

The "Cross-Reference to Related Application" on page 1 of the specification and the paragraph connecting pages 5 and 6 of the specification have been amended to indicate that prior co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/334,560, filed December 30, 2002, has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,688,902, on February 10, 2004.

Figure 1 of the drawings has been amended to illustrate the reference number 66 which is described in the specification on page 18, at line 24, which had not previously been shown in the drawings. In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d), a "Replacement Sheet" of drawings is enclosed with this Reply which illustrates the reference number 66. Entry of the enclosed replacement sheet of drawings is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this patent application has been placed in condition for allowance and corresponding action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G.M. Cohen", written over the typed name.

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